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In re Application of

A. SHENNIB ET AL.

Serial No. 09/475,923

Filed: December 30, 1999

Group Art Unit 2643

Examiner: P. L. Dabney

Title: DIRECT TYMPANIC DRIVE VIA A FLOATING FILAMENT ASSEMBLY

## AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of 05/21/02, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A filament assembly constructed and adapted to fit within the ear canal of an individual for contacting the tympanic membrane directly and imparting audible vibrations thereto, said filament assembly being operational relative to a stationary vibration force element positioned in the ear canal at a distance from the tympanic membrane, said filament assembly comprising:

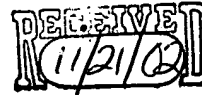
(a) a vibratory element adapted to be laterally positioned when said filament assembly is fitted within the ear canal, and arranged to respond to dynamic forces imparted by said vibrational force element, and

(b) a vibrational shaft element extending medially for transferring audible vibrations from said vibratory element to the tympanic membrane when said filament assembly is fitted within the ear canal,

said filament assembly being dynamically coupled to said stationary vibration force element so as to be statically floating and freely movable within an operable range with respect

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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. Transmitted herewith by fax is an 11-page Amendment including 3-page Exhibit A, 1-page Certification of Fax Transmission, and Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038, responsive to the Office Action of 05/21/2002.

2. A Small Entity Verification is on file. The fee for claims has been calculated as follows:

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Indep.	4	minus	6	=	0	x \$42	=	0.00
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3. Applicant requests a 3-month extension of time to file this response. The \$460.00 extension fee is paid herewith by accompanying Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed.

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The undersigned attorney of record certifies that this correspondence, including this certification sheet, enclosed 11-page Amendment (with 3-page Attachment A), 1-page Transmittal Letter (in duplicate) and 1-page Credit Card Payment (Form PTO-2038), is being facsimile transmitted to the above USPTO Recipient Fax Number on November 21, 2002.

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